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FOR THE SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT PASS AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE

REF: A) STATE 222953, B) DAR ES SALAAM 3280

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE SEPTEMBER 9 (A) WELCOMED SECRETARY'S VISIT SEPTEMBER 14-15, (B) WISHED SECRETARY TO KNOW HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATES "EITHER RHODESIA OR NAMIBIA" PHRASE IN SECOND PARAGRAPH SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A) BECAUSE HE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ZIMBABWE POLITICAL LEADERS, ALTHOUGH (C) HE NOW HAD GO-AHEAD FROM "MILITARY LEADERS" TO ATTEMPT DEVELOP

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"PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY" WHICH THEY WOULD

SUPPORT, AND (D) REITERATED CONDITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS ON NAMIBIA WHICH HE HAD GONE OVER PREVIOUS DAY WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE PLACING SOMEWHAT MORE EMPHASIS ON UN ROLE. END SUMMARY.

2. I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A) TO NYERERE EARLY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 9. HE WELCOMED SECRETARY'S VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 14-15 AND SUGGESTED THEY MEET EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 14 SO HE COULD GIVE SECRETARY FULL AND DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HIS VIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION WITH ANOTHER AND LONGER MEETING NEXT MORNING TO COVER EVERYTHING. HE SAID HE THOUGHT VISIT SHOULD BE "BUSINESS ONE WITH NO FORMALITIES". (FORTUNATELY, FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA LEAVING TONIGHT FOR EUROPEAN VISIT, SO THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM WITH HIM.) NYERERE ASKED ME TO LET HIS OFFICE KNOW EXACTLY WHEN YOU PLANNED IN WASHINGTON TO ANNOUNCE VISIT SEPTEMBER 10 AND THEY WOULD DO SAME HERE -- "IN OUR MUTED FASHION."

3. NYERERE SAID THREE TIMES HE MUCH APPRECIATED SECRETARY'S BEING WILLING TO MOVE A SETTLEMENT FOR EITHER RHODESIA OR RPT OR NAMIBIA BECAUSE HE WAS REALLY HAVING "IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES" WITH ZIMBABWE POLITICAL LEADERS. HE HAD BEEN WITH MUZOREWA LAST NIGHT AND NKOMO THIS MORNING, INSISTING THAT HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY IF YOU ASK HIM WHAT WILL AFRICANS DO IF SMITH IS READY TO TURN OVER.

4. NYERERE HAS BEEN URGING "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY TO TAKE INDEPENDENCE." (HE ADDED THAT SUCH A GOVERNMENT COULD INCLUDE "WHITE FACES".) HE IS PRESSING LEADERS TO PUT THIS TOGETHER, BUT THEY ARE STILL FUEDING. MUZOREWA SAYS HE WILL PARTICIPATE IF NKOMO DOES FIRST. NKOMO WANTS NYERERE TO GET RID OF MUZOREWA BEFORE HE WILL COME IN. MUGABE HAS STILL ANOTHER CONFUSED POSITION. NYERERE IS TELLING THEM TO GET TOGETHER IN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, WORK OUT A CONSTITUTION, AND THEN LET PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ELECT WHOM THEY WANT. NEITHER HE NOR US NOR UK CARES WHICH OF THEM IS CHIEF.

5. NYERERE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE CAN EVEN GET THEM TOGETHER BUT HE WILL KEEP TRYING. HE MAY HAVE MORE TO REPORT TO YOU WHEN YOU GET HERE BUT HE HOPES I WILL TELL YOU OF SWAHILI PROVERB: "HARAKA HARAKA HAINA BARAKA." ("HURRY-HURRY HAS NO BLESSING.") THIS
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MAY BE TRUE AT MOMENT ON RHODESIA.

6. DISSENTION AMONG POLITICAL LEADERS IS ALL THE MORE FRUSTRATING, SAID NYERERE, BECAUSE HE NOW HAS "GO-AHEAD" FROM THE " MILITARY BOYS ". THEY HAVE SAID TO HIM TO PUT TOGETHER WHATEVER KIND OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HE CAN OUT OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS AND THEY WILL SUPPORT IT. THEY DIDN'T EVEN SAY THEY HAD TO BE A PART OF IT.

7. NOTING PARA 3 OF SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A), NYERERE SAID HE APPRECIATED WHAT SECRETARY MEANT IN SAYING HE WAS COMING ON UNDERSTANDING THAT FRAMEWORK OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSED BY SCHAUFEELE AND ROGERS WOULD GOVERN DISCUSSIONS. HE REPEATED POINTS ON NAMIBIA MADE YESTERDAY TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE ALONG LINES OF PARAS 3 AND 4 OF AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE'S REPORT (REF B) BUT WITH STRONGER EMPHASIS ON IDEA THAT AFRICANS COULD NOT ACCEPT SOUTH AFRICA'S UTTER REJECTION OF UN. GENEVA LOCATION ALONE WAS NOT QUITE ENOUGH ON THIS POINT. SOME FORMULA MUST BE FOUND WHEREBY SECRETARY GENERAL OF UN IS SATISFIED. NYERERE THOUGHT SECRETARY GENERAL WOULDN'T WANT MUCH; HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE CHAIRMAN. (I EVADED BY SUGGESTING ANY MODALITIES COULD BEST BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY.)

8. COMMENT: NYERERE WAS IN EXHUBERANT MOOD, ACTING OUT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ZIMBABWE POLITICAL LEADERS, AND RELISHING HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN GETTING MILITARY LEADERS' GO-AHEAD. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE CALLED ME IN TODAY TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO SECRETARY EVEN IF I HAD NOT SHOWN UP WITH LETTER. HE IS STILL HEDGING ON RHODESIA BUT SEEMED EVEN A BIT MORE OPTIMISTIC TODAY THAN YESTERDAY. HE IS ENJOYING HIS CURRENT ROLE AND CLEARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS MEETINGS WITH YOU.
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